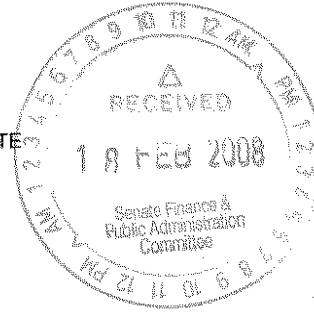




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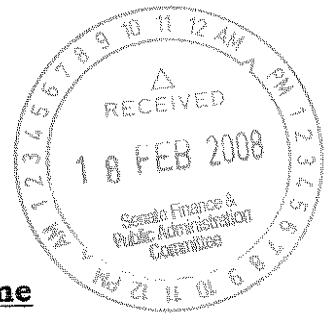
#### **ORDER OF CALL – QUESTION TIME**

I wrote to you in December 2007 seeking views on the order of call for question time in the new Parliament until the end of June 2008. After considering the comments I have received and noting that the order of call has largely reflected the composition of the Senate, I now attach the intended order of call.

The intention of this model is to provide an appropriate allocation of questions to all parties. I would be grateful if the Australian Democrats and the Australian Greens could discuss the allocation of cross-bench questions and advise me of the preferred order of call for those questions.

Yours sincerely

(Alan Ferguson)



**Proposed order of Call - Question Time**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

1. Coalition
2. GOV
3. Coalition
4. GOV
5. Coalition
6. CROSS-BENCH
7. Coalition
8. GOV
9. Coalition
10. CROSS-BENCH
11. Coalition
12. GOV
13. Coalition
14. GOV

**Thursday**

1. Coalition
2. GOV
3. Coalition
4. GOV
5. Coalition
6. FAMILY FIRST \*
7. Coalition
8. GOV
9. Coalition
10. DEMS/GREENS(alt)\*
11. Coalition
12. GOV
13. Coalition
14. GOV

\* On Thursdays, the first cross-bench question would go to Senator Fielding (Family First) every Thursday, and the second question would go to the Australian Democrats and the Greens, in alternating weeks.